The Prevention of Terrorism (Repeal) Act, 2004 provides that the Review Committees constituted by the Central Government shall review all cases registered under POTA within a period of one year from the commencement of the Repeal Act i.e. up to 20.9.2005. The Central Government has constituted three Review Committees for the purpose. Where the Review Committees are of the opinion that there is no prima facie case for proceeding against the accused then the cases shall be deemed to have been withdrawn from the court of investigation closed as the case may be. The review of cases registered under POTA in Gujarat has already been undertaken by the concerned Central Review Committee on POTA.

Nomination of Members on DRUCC etc.

4756. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Ministry for nomination of Members on DRUCC, ZRUCC and NRUCC, etc ;

(b) whether there is any provision for nomination of Members from the Office of Divisional Railway Offices, Zonal Railway Offices etc., on the recommendation of D.R.M. and Zonal Railway Managers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of the persons belonging to various categories who are given representation on the Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committees (DRUCCs), Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees (ZRUCCs) and National Railway Users' Consultative Council (NRUCC) are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) General Managers of each zonal Railway can nominate one member on each of the DRUCC & ZRUCC to give representation to the interests which have not been adequately represented on the Committee.

Statement

Nomination of Members on DRUCC etc.

DRUCC

(1) Not more than six members to be appointed by the General Manager, made up of one representative each of local Chambers of Commerce, Trade Associations and Industries and Agriculture Associations;

(2) Two representatives of the registered Passenger Associations in the area, to be appointed by the General Manager;

(3) Nine representatives of Special Interests not otherwise represented on the Committee. One will be nominated by the General Manager and Eight by the Minister;

(4) One representative each of the Governments of the States served by the Division;

(5) One member each of the Legislature of the States served by the Divisions recommended by the State Governments;

(6) One nominee each of the Union Minister and Members of Parliament on one DRUCC within the jurisdiction of Division;

(7) One representative of Consumer Protection Organisation; and

(8) One representative of Handicapped Association.

ZRUCC

(1) One representative each of the Governments of the States served by the Railways as recommended by such Government;

(2) One member each of the State Legislature recommended by the State Governments;

(3) Not more than five representatives of principal Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations having a standing of not less than five years;

(4) Not more than two representatives to be sent by State Government or Governments of Agricultural Associations and other bodies not included in or affiliated to the Chambers of Commerce etc. referred to in item (3) above;

(5) One non-official representative elected from each of the Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committees;

(6) Two representative of the Public Sector Undertakings including Ports in the case of Railways serving Ports. On the N.F. Railway, the representation will be given to one Public Sector Undertaking only;

(7) Registered Passenger Association—one from each of the States, which have a sizeable route kilometer on the Railways;

(8) One representative of Consumer Protection Organisation;

(9) Ten Members of Parliament (7 from Lok Sabha and 3 from Rajya Sabha);

(10) One nominee of each Union Minister to be given representation on the ZRUCC serving his/her constituency;

(11) One member to represent special interests to be nominated on the recommendation of the General Manager of the Railway; and

(12) Eight members as the Minister may appoint to represent the interests, which he considers are necessary to be represented to the Committee.

NRUCC

(1) Secretaries of the following Ministries of the Government of India:

(a) Ministry of Industry

(b) Ministry of Commerce, Civil Supplies and Co-operation

(c) Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation

(2) Chairman, Members of the Railway Board;

(3) Fifteen Members of Parliament, 10 of whom being from the Lok Sabha and five from Rajya Sabha;

(4) A representative of each of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee, not being an official to be elected by the respective Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee;

(5) One member each from the following All India Associations:-

* Federated Chambers of Commerce
* Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry
* Indian Jute Mills Association
* Indian Sugar Mills Association
* All India Manufacturers Association
* Cement Manufacturers Association
* All India Travel Agents Association and similar All India Associations

Members will be taken by turn from these Associations;

(6) One to represent Agricultural Interests,

(7) Two retired officers of Railway (Member of Board/General Manager);

(8) Such other Members as the Minister may appoint to represent interests, which he/she considers are necessary to be represented on the council.

Note: Persons holding assignments of profit connected with the Railways e g. catering and vending contractors, Out Agency contractors, handling contractors, engineering contractors, Rail Travellers' Service Agents and State/Central Government Servant etc. are debarred from the membership of the Railway Users' Consultative Committees and the National Railway Users' Consultative Council.

Frequent Traveller Scheme

4757. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) faced with decreasing patronage by higher class passengers, whether the Railways proposes to launch a frequent traveller scheme;

(b) if so, whether this scheme would be made applicable for use only during lean season when the occupancy is low;

(c) whether occupancy in upper classes are low at around 20 per cent during lean season; and

(d) the percentage of full fare paying passengers in upper classes of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains where food is also included?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As an incentive to the passengers travelling in 1st AC, 2 AC & AC Chair Car classes, Frequent Rail Travellers scheme is being launched. The scheme will be applicable for the whole year with differential benefits during peak and non-peak seasons.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No separate data is maintained.